

ABSTRACT

Methods and systems consistent with the present invention provide for the presentation or exhibition of items, such as for browsing or for e-commerce. In particular, the present invention relates to systems and methods for hosting an on-line art gallery. A method for hosting a virtual art gallery on a network comprising the steps of: providing, on a network, a host system configured with a plurality of gallery accounts including at least a first gallery account, receiving, through the network at the host system, a request for read-only access to the first gallery account by a first user; and providing, on the network to the first user, the first gallery account in a read-only access mode; where each of the plurality of gallery accounts has a gallery item limit, gallery personal information, gallery qualification information, a gallery environment, and at least a first gallery item, and where each of the plurality of gallery accounts is characterized by at least two access modes including the read-only access mode and a qualified access mode; where each of the gallery items is characterized by at least a virtual size; and where the first gallery account in the read-only access mode is configured to allow access to at least two representations of the first gallery item and the gallery environment including a two-dimensional representation and a virtual reality representation.